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Update on the Lindsey Lake Tanker Truck Spill:

Today's operations:

- We have nearly completed removal of contaminated snow from the south (eastbound) side of I-84. We will finish snow removal on that side of the highway tomorrow, then proceed with excavation of a 150 by 15 foot area of contaminated soil. We will be collecting soil samples to guide us in reaching our objective of removal all pollution from the spill.
- On the north side of the highway, we continued removing contaminated snow and soil. We continued to use the hydronic heater to help us melt and capture contaminated snow in a stretch of the embankment covered by trees.
- On the water, we continued our containment, protection, and recovery efforts using hard and soft boom. Several hundred more pounds of oil-saturated sorbents were collected for disposal as we continue to do our best at recovering contamination from Lindsey Lake. A heavy sheen continues to be present in the primary and secondary containment areas on the lake. No sheen has been observed on the Columbia River.
- ODOT engineers were present on site today to advise Unified Command on how much soil can be safely removed from the highway shoulders and north side embankment. We will be following their guidance closely so we do not destabilize the road prism.

Future outlook:

- We hope to wrap up emergency phase operations on the south side of the highway tomorrow. Soil and snow excavation operations will continue on the north side of the highway, necessitating a continued westbound lane closure. On-water operations will continue as before.
- We will have some staff rotations among the EPA, DEQ, and ODOT teams as we head into the weekend.
- Contractors for the Responsible Party, Space Age Fuels, will be taking over some positions in our response organization, including roles the air monitoring unit and Planning Section. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is no longer maintaining a continuous presence on site, but continues to work closely with our on-site wildlife monitors to assess the impact of the spill and our operations.

Environmental monitoring and assessment:

- The Environmental Unit has reviewed and approved (with comments) a work plan for drilling/monitoring well installation along the northern edge of the highway.
- Unified Command has agreed verbally on a soil sampling plan, to be finalized tomorrow before the bulk of soil removal begins.
- Our wildlife monitors recovered two dead cormorants and one dead fish from the site today; the carcasses will be sent to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to determine whether the animal deaths are connected to the spill.

Very respectfully,

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